



EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN ILLINOS

WHEREAS, Illinois is dedicated to protecting and managing our natural and cultural resources along our magnificent 63 mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline;

WHEREAS, During the last two centuries, Illinois' coast has undergone nearly a complete metamorphosis with its monumental hydrologic modifications, enormous industrial impacts, building of an excellent transportation infrastructure, and creation of skyscrapers that grace our shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Our shoreline is highly urbanized and has been subject to considerable stress from intense land use and competition to serve the economic and workforce needs and demands of this densely populated area; and

WHEREAS, The environmental legacy of our industrial sites and the needs and demands of a growing and vibrant urban community create a complex set of issues to balance as we invest in programs that seek to restore our ecosystems and meet the increasing demands for open space, recreation, and public access.; and

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, hereby order as follows:

- I. Designated State Agency.
 - a) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be the lead state agency responsible for development and implementation of the Illinois Coastal Management Program. The mission of the IDNR is to manage, protect, and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources, further the public's understanding and appreciation of those resources, and promote the education, science and public safety of our natural resources for present and future generations.
 - b) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has the administrative capability to monitor and evaluate the management of the state's coastal resources by the various agencies having specified responsibilities, and report on the performance of all agencies in adhering to the Illinois Coastal Management Program. The organizational structure of

the IDNR will provide for an effective means for continuing consultation and coordination between the state agencies.

II. Program Objectives.

- a) Preserve, protect, restore, and where possible, enhance the coastal resources in Illinois for this and succeeding generations.
- b) Focus on the development of strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including reducing individual carbon footprints, and the expanding the use of our natural resources to act as natural carbon sinks.
- c) Develop site specific strategies to address persistent Bio-accumulative toxins.
- d) Investigate mitigation and long term sustainable solutions to terrestrial invasive species.
- e) Non-point source pollution is primarily related to storm-water management which for the most part is managed, treated and ultimately discharged away from the Lake Michigan Basin. Facilitate an important discussion of expanding the use of green infrastructure to control storm-water, promote groundwater recharge and reduce flooding.
- f) Provide technical and financial assistance to acquire new, add or improve public recreational sites and facilities, and to create new or improve public access sites.
- g) Provide support to projects focused on adaptation to the effects of climate change in NE Illinois.
- h) Provide assistance to improve management programs and support state and local government efforts to identify and designate areas especially suited for water-related economic development and in redeveloping port and waterfront areas.

III. Implementation

- a) The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will provide the forum for state agency input, consistency review, and coordination with other state or local agencies on projects or issues that could have an effect on land and water resources within the coastal zone.
- b) The Coastal Advisory Group (CAG) will provide recommendations on priority issues and emphasis areas with particular relevance to their defining role as being the forum for broad public input on regional issues and community involvement
- c) The Office of Resource Conservation (ORC) will house the Illinois Coastal Management Program staff within IDNR offices in Chicago. The Illinois Coastal Management Program staff will be the central point of contact for program administration. The ORC Director will direct additional ORC support from Springfield or request assistance from other IDNR offices as needed.
- d) The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be the lead supporting agency to the IDNR in administering the ICMP. The IEPA will provide full support to the IDNR in developing a Coastal NPS Control Program Development Plan for Illinois.

- e) Illinois Coastal Management Program staff will be the primary point of contact for consistency determinations. This includes all actions made by the state or federal government. ICMP will consult with appropriate state authorities in making these determinations.

IV. Cooperation by State Agencies.


The legislative intent to provide for state agency coordination and state-local coordination is cited under existing statute **615 ILCS 5/14a**. This statute demonstrates the State's commitment to work cooperatively to implement existing laws and policies pertaining to the waters of Lake Michigan and thus requiring the IDNR, the IEPA and all state agencies to exercise their authorities in conformance with the policies of the Illinois Coastal Management Program.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any State or Federal law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be in full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.



Pat Quinn
Governor

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